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**'New Declaration**

TO

**All the Gentlemen of the**  
**Broomstick and Mopstaff**  
**Regiments.**

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**A Short Way with St. Paul and Sacheverell.**

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# THE Jacobite PLOT: OR, THE Church of England INNO DANGER.

**I**F we reflect a little on the Damnable and Hellish Plot which we Yearly Commemorate on the Fifth Day of November, and call to Mind the many Horrid Conspiracies which the Papists have ever since been hatching against this Nation, it will not surprize us to find them at this Present Time so busie and industrious in fomenting Divisions and Animosities among us, by buzzing into the Ears of the Mob, *That the Church of England*

land is in Danger: But how far these *Incendiaries* are proper to be consulted, will plainly appear if we consider what a Bitter and Inveterate Enemy the Church of *Rome* has always been to the Protestant Religion, and to the Church of *England* in particular. What a Sea of Blood they have spilt in Massacres and Inquisitions. What a Cruel and Barbarous Doctrine they teach, That God commands them to murder and destroy us for not believing the Absurd Tenet of *Transubstantiation*, and for not worshipping *Images*, though expressly forbidden in the Second Command. And yet to this Religion (if it deserves that Name) the Pretender is a Bigot. How kind therefore are High-Church and Jacobites to the British Nation, to foment and encourage for the Pretender's Sake the Traiterous and Rebellious Disturbances they have made against the Queen and Parliament, for exerting their Authority against the *Trumpeters of Sedition and Rebellion*? That the Church of *England* is not in Danger is as true as that High-Church are very ill Subjects; that our most Gracious Queen is a Sincere and Indulgent Mother of the Church of *England*. I need not prove; the Lords and Commons are

are all, except the *Scots*, and most of them also, of her Communion; the *Lords* the *Bishops* have their Sole Dependance on, and Maintenance out, of it, are zealous in its Defence, and recommend it to the World by their Works, and their Pious Examples. The *Queen*, *Lords*, and *Commons*, to testifie their Hearty Affection to it, have, by act of Parliament, bestow'd on it forever the First-fruits and Tents of the *Clergy*, which is Ten Thousand Pounds *per Annum*; they have also secured it to Us for ever by an express Condition of the *Union*; and since the *Union* the *Parliament* have passed several *Acts* in its Favour, as that for preserving and erecting Church-Libraries, &c. for appointing Declaratory Oaths against *Popery*, for continuing the *Acts* which obliges all Persons to receive the *Sacrament* therein to qualify themselves for Offices and Places in the Government. Add to this, that every *Parish* in this Kingdom has some *Able* Divine to preach in its *Vindication*, and there's a *Spiritual Court* in every *Dioceſſ* to punish all Persons who act or say any Thing unworthy of it. Hence it is manifest, that what the *Jacobites*, and *Papists*, and *High-Church*,

report and insinuate into the Minds of the Vulgar, that *the Church is in Danger*, cannot be true in respect of the Church of *England*, but the Church of *Rome*; and yet we may observe how High-Church is offend-ed to see the Protestant Religion trium-phant, and Popery expiring, in this Nation. 'Tis no Wonder also that the Jacobites and Papists are so highly incensed at *their own Danger*; that they traiterously fly in the Face of all Authority, the Queen, Lords, and Commons, on this Occasion. 'Tis no Wonder they revile and paint in the Blackest Colours the late and ever glorious King *William*, our Deliverer, and inveigh against *that Resistance*, without which the Revolution could not have rescued us from Popery and Slavery: 'Tis this Ac-count that they spit their Venom against our General for obliging the *French* to sue for Peace, asperse the present Ministry for guarding us at Home against all Enemies to Her Majesty, and the Protestant Suc-cession, and libel and reproach that *Famous Patriot* who has lately given so great a Blow to Popery in the Kingdom of *Ireland*. 'Tis no Wonder that they cry out aloud, and spare not, against the Protestant Dissenters, whose

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whose Principles as well as their Practice are consistent with the Revolution, who are professed Enemies to Popery and Slavery, are Hearty and Loyal Subjects to Her Present Majesty, and are ready to sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of the Protestant Religion and Succession. 'Tis no Wonder also that the Jacobites and Papists endeavour with all their Might to foment Divisions and Animosities between the Church of *England* and the Protestant Dissenters, whereby they weaken us against themselves. And lastly; that they rail and bellow out their Malicious Invectives against the Act of Toleration, which has entirely united all her Majesty's Good Subjects against the Common Enemy, and instead of Enemies has gain'd Thousands of Proselytes to the Establish'd Church. 'Tis Moderation and Love, Charity and Brotherly-kindness, Meekness, Mercy and Forbearance, that Influence our Consciences, and are the Christian Vertues recommended to us in Scripture, and which are taught and practised by all True Sons of the Church of *England*: But as for Persecution, and thundring out Spiritual Anathema's against Protestant Dissenters, pul-

ling down their Meetings set apart for God's Worship. This certainly is the Doctrine of the Devil and the Pope, and of False Brethren; was utterly abhorr'd by our Blessed Saviour, and by all good Men that believed his Gospel, and followed his Holy Example:

If therefore, Gentlemen, you have any Love and Veneration for Popery and Slavery, for Chains and Fetters, for France and Rome, for Massacres and Inquisitions, for Jesuits and Jacobites, you will highly oblige them by rising in Rebellion, and opposing the Execution of Justice on that Person whom the Commons of Great Britain have impeach'd for High Crimes and Misdemeanors, in Preaching and Printing Two Sermons, *With a Wicked, Malicious, and Seditious Intention*, to undermine and subvert Her Majesty's Government, and the Protestant Succession, as by Law Establish'd, to defame Her Majesty's Administration, to asperse the Memory of his late Majesty, to traduce and condemn the late Happy Revolution, to contradict and arraign the Resolution of both Houses of Parliament, to create Jealousies and Divisions among Her Majesty's Subjects, and to incite them to Sedition and Rebellion. See the Impeachment.

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But on the contrary, Gentlemen, If you had rather continue Dutiful and Loyal Subjects to the Best and most Gracious of Queen's ; if you have any Regard for the Constitution of this Kingdom, in Queen, Lords and Commons, whereby yourselves are represented in Parliament ; and if you desire what is the Natural Consequence of such a Government, the Peaceable Enjoyment of your Lives, Liberties, and Estates, and the free Exercise of the Protestant Religion ; and lastly, if you desire when God shall deprive us of Her Present Majesty, a Protestant Succession, that so this Happiness may effectually be entailed on your Children and Posterity ; Learnestly entreat you to Abhor and Discountenance the Scandalous and Seditious Report, which Jacobites, and Papists, and other High-Church Incendiaries, are spreading in this Nation, that the Church is in Danger ; I have proved to you already that the Church of England is Establish'd on the securest and most lasting Foundation, is protected and defended by the Laws of this Kingdom, and by Queen, Lords and Commons, so that whatever S——ll, and High-Church Incendiaries, may insinuate to the contrary, there

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there is no Church in Danger but the  
Church of Rome.

### Advertisement from Tyburn.

If any Roman Catholick, Jacobite, or  
High-Churchmen, will throw aside  
their Long Wigs and Swords, and in the  
Disguise of a Mobbish Dress will from  
Time to Time repair to S——ll's Levy,  
and thence buzz a horn to Westmijster, and  
back again, and afterwards pull down the  
Churches of Protestant Dissenters, set  
Houses on fire, bully and threaten the  
Queen, Lords and Commons, and encourage  
the People to Sedition and Rebellion, they  
shall receive the Blessing of their High-  
Church Patron, and be well rewarded by  
Jack Ketch for their Pains, he having lately  
Bought for this Purpose several strong  
Halters of the Newest Fashion, with which  
he promises to Hang them as decently as any  
Man in England, and so God Bless ye Gentlemen.

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in our own selfe, and howe easie or easelab of  
our Country to be conquer'd, and to be lost, and  
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**Captain T O M S**  
**New Declaration**  
**GEN T L E M E N**  
**OF THE**  
**Broomstick and Mopstaff**  
**REGIMENTS.**

**Gentlemen,** *you are to be informed*  
**T**HE Grave Dons are ready to censure  
our Proceedings in General, as tho'  
we acted always without Thought; and  
since our late Proceedings have given too  
much Reason for such Censure, I was willing  
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to declare to the World, that tho' we may be misled by false Accounts of Things given by Ill-designing Persons, yet we scorn to persist in our Error when we have discover'd our Cloven Foot of our Abettors. Gentlemen, upon my Recovery from the Heat our late Blind Zeal puts us into these Things occur'd to my Thoughts.

First, thought I, if we have such Respect for Doctor Sachaverell as we pretend, we should show it by a Compliance with the Doctor's Principles, which in his Sermon he declares to be absolutely to obey our Governours, and not to resist 'em on any Pretence whatsoever; and it must sure be a very small Honour to the Non-resisting Doctor to have none but Resisting Disciples. But then the Occasion of our late Tumult was the Subject of our next Thought.

It was hotly dinn'd in our Ears that the Church was in Danger, that the Dissenters caused the Doctor to be impeach'd for being a Churchman, and such like; but I now find these Rumours not only False, but Ab-furd. I have seen a true Copy of the Articles of Impeachment, and find the Doctor charged with Blackning the late Revolution,

tion, our Happy Deliverance from Popery and Slavery, and with laying down Principles, which (if true) make the same unjustifiable, and with giving an Absolute Power to Kings over the Liberties and Properties of their Subjects. Now since these are the Things charged to him, 'tis well the Papists and Nonjurors, (whose Ends we have been ignorantly serving,) conceal'd the true Charge from us, and impos'd a false One on us, for otherwise we should not have been deluded to caress the Person who is preaching down our late Deliverance from Popery and Slavery, to introduce both, who as much as in him lyes, in giving up our Liberties and Properties, of which (to our Honour) we of this Nation have been, (and I hope shall ever continue) so Tender and Jealous. But then the Absurdity of our late Behaviour appears further, if we consider, that tho' the Doctor was Impeach'd for a Matter which he calls the Doctrine of the Church of *England*, yet why should we be unwilling to submit the same to the Judgments of the Bishops, for they are in Conscience and Interest obliged to do the Doctor Justice; in Interest, because it must be supposed they won't act to the Hurt of the Church,

Church, because with her themselves must decline, and they can't expect such Revenues from any Conventicle as they have from the Church. Now upon the whole Matter we ought quietly to permit the States of this Kingdom to proceed in Trial of the Things laid to the Doctor's Charge, not doubting but that if Innocent, he will be acquitted, if Guilty, why should he go uncensur'd? I hope you will consider these Things, and recollect the odd Circumstances of our late Behaviour, the several Springs of Action, and whose Interest we have been ignorantly advancing, and then I doubt not to have Honour from your future Loyal, Quiet and Peaceable Behaviour.

Sign'd, TOM.

## A Short Way with St. Paul and Sacheverell.

THE Church of England they say has altered  
That the Subjects may not the Sov'reign trifl'd  
What, if Laws and Religion are to be subverted?

The Prince as to that is to do as he list.

This I presume they ground upon Laws  
Not Humane, but what they say are Divine;  
I meddle not with the former, because  
They are at this present no Benefits of mine.

The Church, or good Church-men, whereover declare  
No Miracle can an ill Doctrine attest;  
That of all the Systems of Morals that are,  
The Christian Religion has given us the best.

Are these Things consistent? Pray let us consider,  
For if they are not you will readily own  
That on one side or t'other there must be an Error,  
Whever asserts 'em, one or both must go down.

I grant when a Doctrine Immortal is brought,  
And the Preacher declares he thus does speak,  
No matter how many Wonders are wrought,  
They will not prove to us the Words are Divine.

To impute to St. Paul (for Example) what tends  
To Oppression, and every Thing that is bad,  
Is to justify him, who then (amongst Friends)  
Was not much in the wrong when he said he was null.

If Passive Obedience by Natural Law  
Be condemn'd, the Apostle cou'd never be thought  
To ha' Preach'd it; or you must this Inference draw,  
He was not inspir'd when that Doctrine he taught.

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The Christian Religion instructs us in Virtue,  
It tends to promote the good of Mankind;  
Not one of its Practical Doctrines can hurt you.  
Thus far you may see we are all of a Mind.

The whole Matter is therefore determin'd by this,  
Not by Authorities they cannot prove  
The Doctrine Divine, but observe what it is,  
If Evil, be sure it is not from above.

That Churches or Preachers may Err, or profess  
To believe what they do not, you'll grant me with Ease;  
If the Particle Our does alter the Case,  
'Tis Prejudice only, the Common Disease.

Passive Obedience to the Power Supreme,  
Which a Wise Constitution has made to be so,  
Is a Doctrine that ever will merit Esteem:  
Consider what follows if further you go.

But that is so obvious I need not relate,  
I refer it to every rational Man;  
And I love not to meddle with Matters of State,  
Being willing to keep my Skin whole if I can.

However, I'll venture to ask you one Question,  
You may if you please, (you will say,) pray what is't?  
Nay, 'tis not a Matter we much shall contest on,  
Are those a free People who may not resist?

O Liberty! — Who can forbear to go on,  
And celebrate those that at Westminster-Hall,  
Standing under the Trophies our Valour has won,  
Are busy'd like Heroes? Pray God Bless you all.

Had St. Paul been a Dutchman, the Staff and the Shoe,  
Had been sent him for meddling with Politick Matters;  
However, I wish other Parsons wou'd chuse  
To give up all those kind of Things to their Betters.

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